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#### EXTENSIVE ROADCHECK BY ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

**LITTLE ROCK (6-3)** – Arkansas Highway Police are participating in an extensive roadcheck to ensure commercial vehicles are safe, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

It's part of the 2014 International Roadcheck. It's a three-day (Tuesday, June  $3^{\rm rd}$  – Thursday, June  $5^{\rm th}$ ) event when inspectors conduct compliance, enforcement and educational initiatives targeted at various elements of motor carrier, vehicle, driver and cargo safety and security. During this program, it's estimated that nearly 17 commercial trucks or buses are inspected every minute from Canada to Mexico.

Arkansas Highway Police will primarily conduct a <u>North American Standard Level Inspection</u>. It's a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of both the driver and vehicle. Arkansas Highway Police will be at the Benton eastbound inspection station on Interstate 30 until Friday at 6:00 a.m. Officers will also be on U.S. Highway 82 at the Greenville bridge and other random locations in the state.

### > Driver Inspection

• Drivers must provide their license, endorsements, medical card and hoursof-service documentation, and will be checked for seat belt usage and the use of alcohol or drugs.

#### > Vehicle Inspection

• The vehicle inspection includes checking items such as the braking system, coupling devices, exhaust system, frame, fuel system, lights, safe loading, steering mechanism, suspension, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels and rims, windshield wipers, and emergency exits on buses.

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